



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 35

Black Hills National Cemetery Boundary Expansion Act

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on March 30, 2017*

S. 35 would require the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to transfer 200 acres of land to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to expand a national cemetery. CBO estimates that implementing S. 35 would have insignificant costs for VA to cover administrative expenses associated with the transfer and make improvements to the Black Hills National Cemetery.

Under the bill, the affected lands would be withdrawn from mining and mineral leasing activities. Based on an analysis of information provided by BLM, CBO expects that those activities would not occur over the next 10 years and we estimate that withdrawing the lands would not affect the federal budget. Because enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting S. 35 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

S. 35 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Jeff LaFave. The estimate was approved by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.